

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Page 1, before the first paragraph add the following:

--This is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/015,460, filed December 13, 2001, which is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/551,297, filed April 18, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,372,815, issued April 16, 2002, the disclosure of each of which applications is incorporated in its entirety herein by reference.--

Page 10, after line 30, add the following:

--The nonionic monomeric component can be at least one ethylenically unsaturated nonionic monomer which can be hydrophilic, e.g., 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate (HEMA), hydroxypropylmethacrylate, vinylpyrrolidone, glycerylmethacrylate, acrylamide, etc., or hydrophobic, e.g., silicone-acrylate, silicone-alkylacrylate, silicone-alkylmethacrylate, fluoromethacrylate, fluorosilico-methacrylate, etc.

Accordingly, water swellable silicon-containing polymer materials, including, but not limited to, those including units from silicone-acrylates, silicone-alkylacrylates and silicone-alkylmethacrylates, can be used in the first polymer material in the present invention.--